MARVEL SPOTLIGHT

COURTESY OF:

HAWKEYE #1

TELL TALES!

In the outback of the great Canadian north, the battling bowman shows an entire secret empire the arrows of their ways in this new limited series by Chuck Dixon, Scott Kolins and Tim Dzon. And don't miss Hawkeye's brand new costume, because Hawk, well, he never misses!

TRY THIS BOOK FOR A SPELL!

Marvel's probability-altering mutant is against all odds in an enchanting new limited series by Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning and John Higgins. Wanda's brand new costume will entrance you.

SCARLET WITCH #1

FIND OUT WHAT MAKES HIM TICKED!

It's the all-new Nova vs. the Shi'Ar Gladiator in 48-pages of attitude with altitude by Fabian Nicieza, Chris Marrinan and Mark Stegbauer. This is one book that's gonna go fast.

NOVA #1

THE MARVEL UNIVER
BY THE MAN ON TI

MARVELS

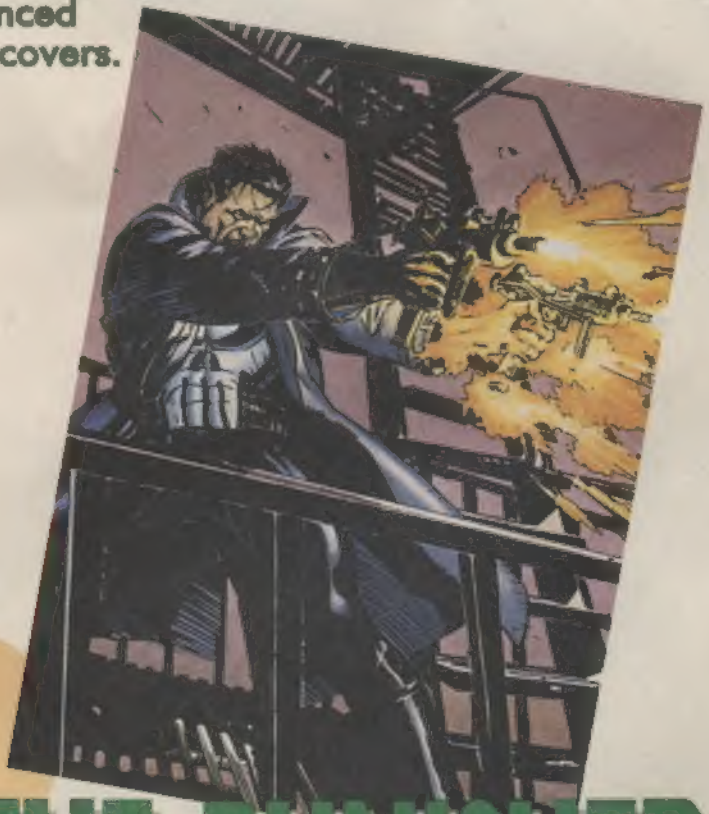
RSE AS SEEN
HE STREET!

It's the Marvel Universe as you've never seen it before—as if you were really there. Kurt Busiek and painter Alex Ross take you on a roller coaster ride through the origins of the Fantastic Four, the X-Men, and Spider-Man. It'll make you a true believer.

PUNISHER CROSSOVER

SUICIDE RUN

After his most explosive attempt at destroying the mob, Frank Castle is presumed dead! ButThe Punisher lives on! Seven Punisher wannabe's have hit the streets, each out to finish the mission Frank began. Find out the final fate of The Punisher(s) in this 10-part cliffhanger of a crossover spanning all the Punisher titles! "Suicide Run" begins this month in WAR JOURNAL #61, WAR ZONE #23, PUNISHER #86, and WAR JOURNAL #62. The first three parts are each 48 pages with gorgeously enhanced Michael Golden covers.



THE PUNISHER IS DEAD. LONG LIVE THE PUNISHER!

Bringing a new man-on-the-street perspective, MARVELS, Kurt's upcoming project with painter Alex Ross, promises to redefine the very mythos of the Marvel Universe.

Q: How did MARVELS come about?

K: I was editing a series for Marvel Comics called OPEN SPACE a few years ago. It was a science fiction anthology series. After seeing Alex Ross' work, I hired him to do a story for OPEN SPACE. Unfortunately, the book was canceled before his story was scheduled to see print. Alex, whose day (and night) job is in advertising, contacted me about getting his samples and work passed around to the other editors. To make a long story short...

Q: Too late.

K: ...Marcus McLauren was blown away by Alex's paintings of Marvel super heroes, and asked for a proposal. Alex and I agreed on one point: we wanted to show the characters from a viewpoint that's different from any other Marvel Comic.

Q: What's the traditional "Marvel" viewpoint and how is it different from that of MARVELS?

K: Stan's original concept for super heroes was a "feet of clay" mentality. The focus was "if you were a super hero, what would you do if you had these powers." Stan humanized heroes. The perspective Alex and I are using is more like "if you were there, what would it be like?" It's a story told from the perspective of a photojournalist who works for the Daily Bugle.

Basically, in issue one we'll see what the Marvel Universe was like in the 1940s and 1950s. Fans will see the Invaders battle Hitler and his AXIS powers from the perspective of the soldiers who were brought there, and of the newsreels that brought the war home to America. We'll see exactly why Captain America became the legend everyone refers to today.

Issue two will feature the birth of the Marvel Universe. Issue three features some great moments. Issue four is on a very human level as we see, from an outsider's point of view, the dramatic death of Gwen Stacey atop the George Washington bridge.

Q: And on that high/low point, we'll end the interview. Thanks Kurt.

INTERVIEW WITH KURT BUSIEK

MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

FIRST WEEK

- ☐ 2099 UNLIMITED #3
- ☐ AVENGERS WEST COAST #102
- ☐ BIKER MICE FROM MARS #3
- ☐ CABLE #7
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #423
- ☐ CLIVE BARKER'S PINHEAD #2
- ☐ DAREDEVIL #324
- ☐ DARK GUARD #4
- ☐ DARKHAWK #35
- ☐ DEATH DUTY #2
- ☐ DIE CUT #3 OF 4
- ☐ GROO THE WANDERER #108
- ☐ GUN RUNNER #4 OF 6
- ☐ HAWKEYE #1 OF 4
- ☐ MARVEL FRONTIER UNLIMITED #1
- ☐ MARVEL MASTERWORKS #26
- ☐ MONSTER MENACE #2 OF 4
- ☐ MOTORMOUTH & KILLPOWER #3 OF 4
- ☐ NAMOR #46
- ☐ NIGHTSTALKERS #15
- ☐ NOMAD #21
- ☐ ORIGINAL GHOST RIDER #19
- ☐ PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL #61
- ☐ REN & STIMPY #14
- ☐ SACHS & VIOLENS #3 OF 4
- ☐ SAINT SINNER #4
- ☐ SHE-HULK #59
- ☐ SPIDER-MAN 2099 #15
- ☐ SPIDER-MAN CLASSIC #10
- ☐ STARBLAST #1
- ☐ THUNDERSTRIKE #4
- ☐ UNCANNY X-MEN #308
- ☐ WARHIDE #1
- ☐ WARLOCK CHRONICLES #7
- ☐ WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #108

SECOND WEEK

- ☐ ALPHA FLIGHT #128
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #385
- ☐ BARBIE #37
- ☐ CLIVE BARKER'S THE HARROWERS #2
- ☐ CURSE OF THE WEIRD #2 OF 4
- ☐ DARKHOLD #16
- ☐ GHOST RIDER #45
- ☐ GHOST RIDER/ SPIDER-MAN: SPIRITS OF VENOM
- ☐ GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #44
- ☐ HYPERKIND #5
- ☐ KING ARTHUR AND THE KNIGHTS OF JUSTICE #2 OF 3
- ☐ MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #145
- ☐ MARVEL X-MEN TRADING CARD COLLECTION
- ☐ NIGHT THRASHER #6
- ☐ NOVA #1
- ☐ PSYCHONAUTS #4 OF 4
- ☐ PUNISHER WAR ZONE #23
- ☐ QUASAR #54
- ☐ RAVAGE 2099 #14
- ☐ REMOVAL MAN VS. MOTORMOUTH #1 OF 2
- ☐ ROID RAGE #2 OF 4
- ☐ SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #217
- ☐ SECRET DEFENDERS #11
- ☐ SILVER SABLE #20
- ☐ SLEEPWALKER #32
- ☐ SPIDER WOMAN #3 OF 4
- ☐ TERRARISTS #3 OF 4
- ☐ WILD THING #10
- ☐ WOLVERINE #77
- ☐ WOLVERINE/GHOST RIDER: ACTS OF VENGEANCE
- ☐ WONDER MAN #29
- ☐ X-FACTOR #98
- ☐ X-MEN ADVENTURES #15

THIRD WEEK

- ☐ AVENGERS #370
- ☐ BLAZE #2 OF 4
- ☐ BLOODRUSH #2 OF 4
- ☐ BRATS BIZARRE #3 OF 4
- ☐ CONAN SAGA #82
- ☐ CYBERSPACE 3000 #7
- ☐ DOCTOR WHO 1994 YEARBOOK
- ☐ DOCTOR WHO #204
- ☐ DOOM 2099 #13
- ☐ THE EASTER STORY
- ☐ ECTOKID #5
- ☐ EXCALIBUR #73
- ☐ GAMBIT #2 OF 4
- ☐ G.I. JOE #144
- ☐ HELLHOUND #2 OF 4
- ☐ INCREDIBLE HULK #413
- ☐ MARVEL AGE #132
- ☐ MARVEL HOLIDAY SPECIAL 1993
- ☐ MARVEL TALES #281
- ☐ MORBIUS #17
- ☐ MORT THE DEAD TEENAGER #2 OF 4
- ☐ PUNISHER #86
- ☐ PUNISHER HOLIDAY SPECIAL #2
- ☐ RIPWIRE #1 OF 4
- ☐ SPIDER-MAN #42
- ☐ SPIDER-MAN VS. DRACULA #1
- ☐ TIMESTRYKE #2 OF 4
- ☐ TRANSFORMERS: GENERATION 2 #3
- ☐ WARLOCK & THE INFINITY WATCH #24
- ☐ WHAT IF #57
- ☐ X-MEN #28
- ☐ X-MEN 2099 #4

FOURTH WEEK

- ☐ AVENGERS STRIKE FILE
- ☐ DAREDEVIL: THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR #1 OF 5
- ☐ DEATH METAL #1 OF 4
- ☐ DEATH WRECK #1 OF 4
- ☐ DEATHLOK #31
- ☐ DEATH"S HEAD II #14
- ☐ GENETIX #4 OF 6
- ☐ HELLSTORM #10
- ☐ HOKUM & HEX #5
- ☐ MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #146
- ☐ MARVEL SPOTLIGHT DECEMBER 1993
- ☐ METEOR MAN #6 OF 6
- ☐ NEW WARRIORS #43
- ☐ PUNISHER 2099 #12
- ☐ SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #208
- ☐ STRANGE COMBAT TALES #4 OF 4
- ☐ VENOM: THE MADNESS #3 OF 3
- ☐ WILLIAM SHATNER'S TEK WORLD #17
- ☐ X-FORCE #30

FIFTH WEEK

- ☐ BARBIE FASHION #37
- ☐ BOOK OF THE DEAD #2 OF 4
- ☐ DEATH'S HEAD GOLD #1
- ☐ DR. STRANGE #61
- ☐ FANTASTICE FOUR #384
- ☐ GHOST RIDER & BLAZE: SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE #18
- ☐ IMMORTALIS #3 OF 4
- ☐ IRON MAN #300
- ☐ LAW DOG #9
- ☐ MIDNIGHT SONS UNLIMITED #4
- ☐ MOON KNIGHT #58
- ☐ OFFICER OUTBODY #1 OF 4
- ☐ PLASMER #3 OF 4
- ☐ PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL #62
- ☐ SILVER SURFER #88
- ☐ THOR #470
- ☐ X-MEN CLASSIC #91

This month in

Marvel Age #132:

- *Force Works:* they're mad as hell and they're not going to take it any more!
- Alan Davis goes *ClanDestine.*
- The challenge of the *Spider-Man* comic book/strip crossover.
- *Avi Arad:* The man behind the toys and the movies!

...and the exclusive "Marvels" Human Torch origin continues.

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